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In re Patent Application of:
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For: INTRODUCTION OF MICROORGANISMS IN
BIO-ASSISTED HEAP LEACHING
OPERATIONS

Examiner: L. J. Schuberg

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, please consider the following remarks and arguments.

The Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.